



Division of Animal Industry  
700 Kipling Street, Suite 4000  
Lakewood, CO 80215-8000  
303-239-4161 ♦ Fax 303-239-4164  
[www.colorado.gov/ag/animals](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/animals)

John R. Stulp, Commissioner



Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor

---

## **Brucellosis Class A State Import Requirements**

### **Breeding Cattle Import Requirements:**

- 1). All beef breeding cattle imports shall have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and obtain an entry permit number prior to entering Colorado.
- 2). All female breeding cattle over 4 months of age shall be Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV) for brucellosis with a legible tattoo and an OCV eartag. Intact non-OCV female cattle are not eligible to import into Colorado as breeding cattle.
- 3). All female breeding cattle 18 months of age or older or heifers that are late springers or have calved shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entering Colorado.
- 4). All bulls 12 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entering Colorado.
- 5). All beef breeding cattle shall be individually identified with an official USDA ear tag, official electronic identification, or any other individual animal identification method approved by the Colorado state veterinarian prior to the time of the importation.

### **Feeder cattle requirements:**

- 1). All feeder cattle imports shall have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and obtain an entry permit number prior to entering Colorado.
- 2). All feeder cattle 18 months of age or older or heifers that are late springers or have calved shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entering Colorado. All bulls 12 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entering Colorado.  
Brucellosis Test Exceptions:
  - Steers
  - Spayed heifers
  - Intact cattle consigned to a Colorado Import Approved Feedlot
- 3.) All feeder cattle shall be individually identified with an official USDA ear tag, official electronic identification, or any other individual animal identification method approved by the Colorado state veterinarian prior to the time of the importation.

The only exceptions to these entry requirements will be by approval of the State Veterinarian based upon risk determination supported by epidemiological evaluation.